

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 43, “Pupil Transportation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Because the training for new bus drivers is more extensive and comprehensive than was the former training, it is no longer necessary for new drivers to be required to take the annual training in the year in which they must receive the new training. However, an employer retains the power to require additional training, at the discretion of the employer.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before March 15, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendment should be directed to Carol Greta, Office of the Director, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-8661; E-mail carol.greta@iowa.gov; or fax (515)281-4122.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 285.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 281—43.32(285) as follows:

281—43.32(285) Drivers’ schools. All school bus drivers shall attend classes or schools of instruction as approved by the department of education and provided for in Iowa Code subsection 321.376(2). ~~The course of instruction for new drivers, to be successfully completed within the first six months of employment, shall also include the annual course of instruction for the school year in which the new driver is hired.~~ All new drivers shall, within the first six months of employment, successfully complete the “new driver STOP class” approved by the department. All current school bus drivers shall attend the ~~only~~ annual course of instruction, ~~unless the current driver misses a year of instruction.~~ Upon missing a year of instruction, a current driver shall successfully complete the course of instruction for new drivers prior to receiving an authorization. The employer of a school bus driver may impose additional training requirements for any new or current driver.